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A PERSONAL NOTE: I hope everyone has a very happy holiday season. Give an OTR gift this season.

ULTIMATE HISTORY: My Ultimate History is now revised with all the information that was in the 3 supplements combined with the original book. There is a lot more information acquired this year also. Details on the flyer.

CONVENTION 1996: Many thanks to all the people who worked hard to bring about the 21st annual Friends of Old-time Radio Convention. And many thanks to all that attended. A review of the convention is included. We have several items for sale: **New FOTR Canvas Bags** are on sale for \$7.00 plus \$2.00 P & H. **20th Anniversary Mugs** are available for \$4.00 plus \$4.00 P & H. **Convention booklets** are on sale for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 P & H. **New Blue 1996 FOTR Bic Click pens** are on sale for \$2.00 plus .50 P & H. We still have **FOTR flashlight-key chains and FOTR Magnets** for \$1.00 each plus \$1.00 P & H.

Don Aston (AVPRO) has told me the video and audio tapes of the convention are ready. Send the appropriate money to AVPRO, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531. The complete package of 3 videos and 4 audio cassettes of the entire convention is \$50 including P&H. The re-creation video alone is \$20. Each of the 2 panel tapes is \$20 each or \$30 for both. The 4 audio cassettes only is \$20. Add \$3 P&H to each of the \$20 orders and \$4 P&H to the \$30 order.

CONVENTION 1997: We will have our planning meeting in January or February. If you have any ideas for programs or other suggestions including nominating people for awards, please let me know right away so we can discuss them at the meeting. The meeting will be at the Holiday Inn-North. If you would like to go, let me know. If you would like to help but can't be at the meeting, also let me know.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: SPERDVAC Radiogram, Sep; articles about Ma Perkins; Paula Winslowe...Oct; articles about New Corwin Series beginning in November; Dorothy Lamour...Nov - Dec; articles about Blue Monday Jamboree; Second Mrs. Burton...On The Air, Sep - Oct; articles about the highest paid performers in radio; Bill LeFevre...Old Timer's Bulletin, August. This is the official journal of the Antique Wireless Assoc. If you are interested in the hardware of radios and phonographs, contact Joyce Peckham, Box E, Breesport, NY 14816 (607) 739-5443. This is a very slick 60-page publication, one of 4 they publish each year...Nostalgia Digest, Oct - Nov; articles about Jackson Beck; husband and wife teams; Anne Francis; Hoosier Hot Shots; Peter Lorre; Kate Smith...Dec - Jan; articles about Larry Clinton; Sponsors and radio shows...The Cantor Connection, Jul - Aug; publication of the Eddie Cantor Appreciation Society...Illustrated Press, Sep; articles about "Johnny" Roventini; Rosemary...Keene Crockett...Fran Striker...Oct; articles about shows that begin with America; Johnny Fletcher; Fran Striker; Aunt Jenny...Nov; articles about Fran Striker (continued); Western New York Stations; Lora Lawton...Tape Squeal, Sep - Oct; article about deteriorating tapes; Jimmy Durante; WLW...Chattanooga Airwaves, Sep - Oct; article about Grand Ole Opry...Nov - Dec; article about Grand Ole Opry (Part 4)...Remembering the Mills Brothers, Sep; Oct; more on the rare Mills Brothers recordings recently unearthed...Return With Us Now, October; article about FDR's broadcasts...Nov; articles about Vic and Sade...Radio Recall, October; articles about Tom Mix; Sound Effects...Jot 'em Down Journal, October; Publication of National Lum and Abner Society...Tradition, Sep - Oct; Publication of National Traditional Country Music Assn...Jolson Journal, Fall...Thrilling Days of Yesteryear; Nov - Dec; articles about Cedric Adams; Witch's Tale; Bea Wain; The first radio commercial...Daily Sentinel, Nov - Dec; articles about Anne Hummert; Christmas on the Air; Milton Berle and The Friars Club...NARA News; Fall; articles about Ray Erlenborn; Bill Murtough and Bergen and McCarthy; Aldrich Family; Collecting with

Computers; Country music and Border radio...**Old-time Radio Digest**; Sep – Oct; articles about The last Cincinnati Convention; Radio Westerns by Terry Salomonson...**Times of Kate Smith Fall Newsletter**; Info about Kate Smith and material being released.

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 72 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800....Greenwood has just published **Command Performance, USA! A Discography** compiled by Harry Mackenzie. It has 280 pages and is \$75. It has a complete discography of all 415 Command Performances. It also has a complete index of that show. Also **Mail Call** and **G I Journal** are included with just about all of their shows listed with cast and songs. An index is also provided for **Mail Call...I Was That Masked Man** by Clayton Moore with Frank Thompson; Taylor Publishing Company, 1550 W Mockingbird Ln, Dallas, TX 75235 (214) 819-8100; \$22.95; 304 pages. This is all about Clayton Moore by CM with much little known information. Clayton writes candidly of his rise to stardom in Hollywood in 1937 to his induction on the "Walk of Fame" 50 years later.. **Selling Radio** is a new book published by Smithsonian Institution Press (1-800-782-4612). It was written by Susan Smulyan, is 220 pages long and sells for \$24.95 (\$15 paperback). This is the first in depth book that deals with advertising and radio and the difficulty with coupling broadcasting and advertising and then shows how advertising transformed the content of radio programming...**They Still Call Me Junior (Autobiography of a Child Star; with a Filmography)** by Frank "Junior" Coghlan. Frank traces his 70-year career in movies, serials and radio. He is best remembered for his role as Billy Batson in the Republic Serial "Adventures of Captain Marvel." Published by McFarland (910) 246-4460; 1992; \$32.50.

ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS and PERFORMANCES: **Lane Katz** (Sunbay Entertainment), 9420 Lazy Lane Suite D-7, Tampa, FL 33614 (813) 931-8432 is a licensee and manufacturer of Apparel for the Laurel and Hardy Characters. They are also considering a similar arrangement on Abbott & Costello items. Contact them if you have a similar type of interest...**Arthur Godfrey: Broadcasting's Forgotten Giant** will premiere on the A & E Cable Network on Monday, December 30th at 8 pm. The Executive Producer is Arthur Singer who gave an Arthur Godfrey workshop at our convention. The program will be filled with A G stories, clips and many guests will appear including Larry King, Andy Rooney, Julius LaRosa, Phyllis McGuire...**The Collector's Radio Network** announces a 24-hour programming service dedicated to collectibles. It will be launched soon via digital satellite...If you are interested in joining the "One Man's Family" Family contact Mike Sprague. Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (206) 488-9516; E-mail <hrmmikes@aol.com>. They put on an excellent program at the recent SPERDVAC Convention.

CONVENTIONS: The 11th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 18 and 19th at the Marriott Inn in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett at 606-282-0333.

Kate Smith Festival #10, May 30 – Jun 1; Contact Raymond Wood, Box 368, Jamesville, NY 13078

13th Annual National Lum and Abner Society Convention, June 28 in Mena Arkansas; Contact Tim Hollis, #81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062.

22nd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 25 – Sep 1 at Pottawattamie County Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

SPERDVAC convention, Nov 7 - 9; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles; Contact Larry Gassman (310) 947-9800.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. New Members include: **Martin Kornblatt** <MK247@aol.com>...**Mary Ramlow** <MaryRamlow@wmich.edu>...**Anthony Tollin** <sanctumOTR@aol.com>...**Henry Enberg** <HenryEnberg@pli.edu>...**Bill Murrough** <BillM52437@aol.com>...**Chuck Matteson** <lopsop@aol.com>...**Brian Gari** <Ecantor@aol.com>...**Tim Gay** <TGay@VNET.IBM.COM..
Gary Yogg <YOGGY@SCCAA.CORNING-CC.ED>...**Susanne Siegel** also

<ssiegel@cyberport.net>...**Lennell Herbert-Marshall** <HERMARS@EROLS.COM>...**Terry Salomonson** <Terryotr@ismi.net>...**Sean Harris** <mrbungle@nh.ultranet.com>...**Art Singer** <ASinger24@aol.com>...**Jack French** (change) <otrpiano@erols.com>...**John Gallagher** (Change) <jg733@delphi.com>.

LOGS: My Necrology Listing is revised again. It is dated October 16 and was sold at the convention. It now has close to 3000 names. Cost is \$6 for previous purchasers and \$11 for new purchasers...**My Suspense Log is again revised and has many more performers.** Cost is \$9.50 for new purchasers and \$6.50 for previous purchasers.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (Sep - Oct) (Nov - Dec); many shows including Suspense, Radio City Playhouse, Dragnet, Christmas shows, others...**BRG Productions** (Bob Burnham) (1997 color catalog preview); many shows including Jungle Jim, Silent Men, Suspense, X - 1, others...**Redmond Nostalgia Company** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 (fall/winter); many shows including many musical and comedy shows such as Bing Crosby; Jack Pearl; Tommy Dorsey; Paul Whiteman; others...His Christmas Supplement contains new shows; James Melton 12/24/44; 12/23/45; Fred Allen 12/20/42; Eddie Cantor 12/22/37; Milton Berle 12/15/48; 12/22/48; Texaco Star Theater with Tony Martin; 12/21/47; Eddie Bracken 12/22/46...**Great American Radio** (Gary Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 (Sep); programs include Boston Blackie; Quiet Please; Railroad Hour; (Oct); programs include Mary Noble, Backstage Wife; Lux Radio Theater; Words At War; Mark Trail, many others...(Nov); new shows including Rise Stevens (7/23/45); WWJ (Detroit) Playhouse (2 from 1941); several new audition shows; also Bobby Benson...**Max Schmid** (**Schmidco Entertainment Enterprises**) has his first cassette catalog available. Write him at 44-05 Newtown Rd., Long Island City, NY 11103 <mschmid@escape.com>. Max has many Jean Shepherd tapes as well as many interviews, Vic and Sade including new 1945 shows and many others...**Martin Grams, Jr.**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 has more new shows including 4 new Let's Pretend from 1952 and 1953; 3 Molle Mystery Theater; Phil Baker Show of 1/19/36; 2 new Radio Reader's Digest; new Stagestruck (4/4/54); Kraft Music Hall (10/19/44); American Album of Familiar Music (11/10/46); Timex All-star Jazz Show (12/30/57); Music America Loves Best (12/17/44); 2 new Nick Carter (3/11/45; 6/18/46)...**SPERDVAC** has about 42 new Morton Downey from 1945 and 1946...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 (504) 943-6091 has over 150 scripts, many tapes and comic books, all in his latest catalog...**Old Time Radio Shows** (Chuck Schaden), 5425 W Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675). This is a 66-page catalog with many shows. Chick and I have been in the hobby about the same length of time - 26 years...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442 (1-800-328-0108). There 88th catalog contains the J Benny Shoelace episodes (12/8/46 and 12/15/46). Besides many other shows it also has 5 new Sherlock Holmes (1946) 3/25; 4/1; 4/15; 4/29; 5/12...**Pat McCoy**, Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 sent Supplement 15 of his reel catalog (How Well I Remember). It has 34 pages of Jack Benny; Amos and Andy; Jubilee; YTJDollar, many others; new shows include J Benny (2/25/45); Burns and Allen (9/14/43); Whistler (7/23/43) and many Jubilee.

Just received **Winter Catalog for Radio Spirits**. It has 84 pages with over 5000 programs. New programs include 18 new Burns and Allen (1948 - 49); 4 new Charlie McCarthy; 16 new Martin and Lewis (all 1949); 6 new Aldrich Family; 8 new Family Theater; 3 new Let's Pretend; 1 new Mr. Keen (1/5/50); 2 new Casebook of Gregory Hood (1948); 2 new A Date With Judy (8/11/42; 8/1/44); 2 new Our Miss Brooks (10/22/50; 11/5/50)...**Steven Kelez** (Radio Showcase), 606 Baron Ct., Santa Rosa, CA 95402 has 7 The World We Live In from 4/2/54 - 4/23/54; 5/14/54 - 5/28/54...**Steve Lewis**, 62 Chestnut Rd., Newington, CT 06111 has 2 new Amos and Andy; (9/29/44) with Sydney Greenstreet and 4/1/57 (15m only).

NEW ADDRESSES: **Cliff Caplinger**, 2B-2 Kennedy Meadows, Inyokern, CA 93527.. **Suzanne Siegel**, Box 2152, Kalispell, MT 59903. 30 inches of snow has fallen so far in Montana.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Dick Kinney**, 3445 Pierce St., #101, San Francisco, CA 94123...**John Austin**, 47 Sunnyside East, Queensbury, NY 12804...**Loren Sutherland**, Box 1028, Magalia, CA 95954...**Nathan Sorenson**, 23 Laken Dr., Watsonville, CA 95076...**Robin**

Frooman, 7 Harrison St., #11, Seattle, WA 98109...**Randy Bowsher**, 126 Elmwood Ln, Helena, MO 59601 is looking for audio scripts and information on obscure videos including WNET – NY 1973 broadcast of The Men Who Made the Movies with Cliff Robertson...**John Politis**, 966 N. Randolph St., Philadelphia, PA 19123...**David Elford**, 14809 Northeast 26th St., Vancouver, WA 98694 collects everything related to Bob Hope including tickets to Bob Hope shows which he is looking for...**Timothy Gay**, Patrick Dr., LaGrangeville, NY 12540...**Derek Tague**, Box 737, Orange, NJ 07051...**Angelo Prospero**, 210 White Blvd., Summerville, SC 29483. Angelo is a boxing historian...**Vince Giordano**, 1316 Elm Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11230 is interested in purchasing some vintage microphones including Western Electric 1-A, 47-A and RCA 4-AA...**Anna Stringer**, 17 Dryden Rd., Brick, NJ 08724 has several OTR tapes she would like to sell...**Brad Arrington**, Box 111, West Sayville, NY 11796 wants to revive the Art and Medium of Radio Theater. He would like to network with as many as possible <Barrington@ccamil.sunysb.edu>...**Darrell Anderson**, 17254 West Lake Desire Dr., Renton, WA 98058 is looking for a copy of "Radio's First Voice;" the Story of Reginald Fessenden...**Paul Scannapieco**, 30-81 54th St., Woodside, NY 11377 is looking for a vinyl 6-pack audio cassette holder...**Ken Borden**, 39 James Forway, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2K 2S2...**Maggie Thompson**, 495 East Iola St., Iola, WI 54945. Maggie is editor of Comic Buyers Guide...**Walt Pattinson**, Box 11626, St. Paul, MN 55111...**Ed Prassl**, 2602 Doris Ave., Union, NJ 07083...**Jeffrey Lindenblatt**, 69-30 Groton St., Forest Hills, NY 11375...**Art Singer**, 46 Woodridge Rd., Durham, NH 03824...**Art Helmer**, 258 Coolidge Ave., Westwood, NJ 07675...**Rob Bates**, 153 Avenue A #2, New York, NY 10009...**Del Dixon**, 11 Edgemont Pl., Teaneck, NJ 07666.

Winton Bieber, 1231 Riverside Dr. #2A, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401...**Gerald Pflugh**, Box 1, Grayling, Alaska (AK) 99590...**Sheldon Rothman**, 8934 Cherry Ave., Morton Grove, IL 60053 wants a log of Fibber McGee and Molly. Has anyone been in touch with Tom Price recently to see if his log is still available?...**Harry O'Brien**, 113 Crowley Rd., Candia, NH 03034...**Linda and David Breninger**, 1325 Avenida Alvarado, Roseville, CA 95747. Linda and David celebrated their 11th year on the air with OTR. They are heard on KUMR (89.5 and 99.3) over greater Sacramento and Sierra Foothills region....**William Lucas**, Box 125, McLeansboro, IL 62859...**Joe Siclari**, 4599 NW 5 Ave., Boca Raton, FL 33431...**Don Andersen**, 1790 Berry Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926...**Ken Korhonen**, 4022-41st Ave. SW, Seattle, WA 98116...**Harold Phillips**, 4374 Emory Way, Livermore, CA 94550...**Ronald Olsen**, Box 643, Madison, NJ 07940...**Jack France**, 5012 Chattam Lane, Tampa, FL 33624...**David Lennick** (416) 287-5999 is trying to find out what happened to Bruce Ruggles' Collections after he died...**Harry Sepp**, Skvadronsbacken 72, S-172 47 Sundbyberg, Sweden is trying to find AFRS broadcasts from WW2 (1944 – 45), European Theater and Korean War (1950 - 53), especially April – September 1951. He also wants Tokyo broadcasts aimed at our soldiers. Harry works for the Swedish Civil Defense League training Department and they are looking at the different aspects of arranging an advanced First Aid Course in MASH-Setting next summer. He would like AFRS broadcasts for realism...**Tom Warner**, 23 Hamilton St., Kearny, NJ 07032.

OLD FRIENDS: **Jeff Thompson** has recently contributed articles in the Movie Club magazine. His field is horror movies...**Don Fisher** has a weekly OTR show on his local cable channel in Bennington, Vermont...**Martin Grams** mentions that Scott Allen Nolan and Sarah Karloff are collaboration on a book on Boris Karloff's radio work. If you have any information, trivial or not, you may contact Martin at Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 or Sarah Karloff at Box 2424, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270...**Benny Gugliotti**, Box 498, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 has visuals of your OTR stars. If you are interested, contact him...**Don Brush**, 11232 Rampart Ln., Port Richey, FL 32277 is looking for a copy of Cinderella. It could be on any program such as Let's Pretend, Lux, Theater Guild...**Mel Simons** is on WBZ radio every Tuesday night at midnight for an hour show. He does the first hour of the Bob Raleigh Show (1030 AM). The show is heard in 38 states and Canada. Mel does all trivia and nostalgia and plays a lot of old-time radio. He has been on for 3 years...**Geraldine Hawkins**, 19 Gramercy Park South, New York, NY 10003 (212) 677-6200 is still looking for information about Paul Sutton (Sgt. Preston) and finding broadcasts of King Arthur, Jr. starring Irving Tucker...**Chuck Huck**, 4 South 230 River Rd., Warrenville, IL 60555 (FAX) 630-393-9925 is looking for copies of Harold Lloyd Comedy Theater "The Show Off" 12/6/44 starring Lloyd and Fred Allen.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Peg La Centra**, Jun 1; 80; singer; on various radio shows and had

own show...**Bill Monroe**, Sep 9; 84; Father of Bluegrass music...**Joanne Dru**, Sep 10; 74; actress (in several Lux)...**Jack Danon**, Aug 12; 64; actor, singer (Fibber McGee and Molly)...**James F. Fleming**, Aug 10; 81; Producer, CBS radio announcer...**Blair Walliser**, Aug 31; 87; Attended our convention several times; Directed many radio shows (Backstage Wife, Just Plain Bill)...**Ralph Rosenberg**, about Sep 12; writer (Boston Blackie)...**Bill LeFevre**, Aug 7, 75; 50-year career in Baltimore broadcasting...**Dorothy Lamour**, Sep 22; 81; Singer, Actress; on several radio shows and many Lux...**Paul Weston**, Sep 20; 84; conductor, arranger, composer (Chesterfield Supper Club; Jo Stafford Show) Jo was his wife...**Annabella**, Sep 18, 86; film star; on 2 Lux with husband, Tyrone Power...**Hamilton (Ham) O'Hara**, May 14; 76; Bill Murtough gave me this sad news. Ham was the sound effects man for our very early conventions. Recently he had a radio station in Kent, CT....**Don Reid**, Sep 16; 85; Big band singer...**Louise Fitch**, Sep 11, 81; actress (Two on a Clue; Kitty Keene)...**Vera Brodsky Lawrence**, Sep 18, 87; pianist, editor and historian; had her own radio program off and on from 1935 - 1945...**Peter Lyon**, Oct 14, 81; author, radio scriptwriter (March of Time; Cavalcade of America)...**Morey Amsterdam**, Oct 28; 87 (various ages reported); comic actor with his own radio show from 1948 - 49...**Norm Nathan**, Oct 29; 70; major Boston and New England radio personality and big band expert...**Paul Harris**, Nov 5; 86; was on early Buffalo programs such as Covered Wagon Days...**Milton Merlin**, Oct 29, 91; producer and writer for movies, television and radio (Halls of Ivy). Blacklisted in 1950...**Arthur Peterson**, Oct 31, 83; Guiding Light, Silver Eagle...**Mary Rolfe**, Oct 28, 79; Radio and stage actress (Aldrich Family; Rose of My Dreams)...**Peter Leeds**, Nov 11; actor (Maisie; Stan Freberg)...**Alma Kitchell**, Nov 13, 103; pioneering radio singer who became a pioneering talk show host and capped her career by presiding over the first television cooking show...**Deedie Ball**, Nov 17; 79; singer (Kay Starr Show).

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

1996

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 21st Annual Convention from October 17 - 19, 1996 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: **Ralph Bell, Maurice Ellis, John Hart, Will Hutchins, David Kogan, George Lefferts, Peter Rankin, Gene Rayburn.** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Dick Beals, Jackson Beck, Gene Clark, Lon Clark, Fred Collins, Ivan Cury, Bob Dryden, Dick Dudley, Louise Erickson, Ray Erlenborn, Harry Fleetwood, Fred Foy, Earl George, Jean Gillespie, Bob Hastings, Elaine Hyman, Ruth Last, Abby Lewis, Mary Jane Mastapeter, Bob Mott, Bill Murtough, Bill Owen, Elliott Reid, Clive Rice, Rosemary Rice, Ken Roberts, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Margot Stevenson, Sybil Trent and Betty Wragge.** The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 7 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday evening with complimentary wine and cheese for the overnight guests. About 85 people attended. On Thursday, many dealers opened at 9 am. There were four afternoon workshops: **Art Singer** presented a program about Arthur Godfrey and a new A & E Biography; **Michael Henry** and others from the Broadcast Pioneers Library presented Archives and Museums; **Bob Madison** talked about Comic Strips to Air; **Bob Burnham** talked about starting and maintaining an OTR collection. Then we had cocktails and dinner. 89 fans attended during the day. 196 fans and guests attended in the evening. **Larry and John Gassman** did a hilarious "Who's On First" routine. The highlight of the evening was the re-creation of the winner of this year's script award. It went to **Jim Nixon** who wrote The Lone Ranger "The Wizard." It starred **John Hart**. The winner of this years original radio play was announced. The winner was **Edgar Russell III**. The play will be presented next year.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Sixty-nine dealer tables were active during the convention. 294 people attended dinner with another 113 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: **Ed Clute and Arthur Anderson** presented Commercial Jingles; **Jack French** with Don Maris talked about Radio premiums; **Carl Banas, Ken Borden, Sam Levene** with **Dave Zwengler** talked about Canadian Broadcasting; **Gary Yogg** talked about Radio and politics; **The Gotham Radio Players** presented Dick Tracy "Case of the Blackmailing Swami" They also presented the Bickersons; **Anthony Tollin with George Lefferts, Gordon Payton, Jim Widner** presented Science fiction on radio; **Irv Settel** presented "The Golden Days of Radio;" The Author's Panel included **Dick Beals, Cynthia Clements, Ron Lackmann and Bill Owen; Arthur Anderson** filled in for **Rita Morley Harvey**. After dinner **Art Schreiber** presented Eddie Bracken with an award from The National Broadcasters Hall of Fame. There were 2 re-creations: **Bobby Benson with Clive Rice and Ivan Cury** and the Mysterious Traveler "The Last Survivor" written by **Dave Kogan** and starring **Ralph Bell and Bob Dryden**.

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **The Gassmans and Cynthia Clements** talked about Burns and Allen; **Mitchell Weisberg with Maurice Ellis** talked about Minorities in Radio; **Lee Munsick** talked with **Gene Rayburn; Bob Lissauer** talked about American Popular Music and Radio; **Dick Dudley** led an all-star panel about NBC's 70th anniversary; **Arthur Anderson** directed The Mercury Theater production of "Treasure Island" with **Dick Beals, Elliott Reid, Jackson Beck, Sybil Trent**

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 350 people with another 143 coming for the day. After dinner **John Hart** starred in The Lone Ranger "20th Anniversary Show." He was supported by **Dick Beals, Fred Foy, Earl George, Elaine Hyman and Jackson Beck. Reg Jones** supplied the music for both Lone Ranger shows. The **Canterville Ghost** was then re-created with **Jean Gillespie, Rosemary Rice, Louise Erickson and Will Hutchins. Ed Clute** supplied the music for this and other re-creations. The program wound up with **Will Jordan** who entertained us with his comedy and impressions.

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, two Allen Rockford Awards were presented to **Bill Nadel and Don Ramlow** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. A new **Ray Stanich Award** was given to **Ron Lackmann** for all the excellent writing he has done. Special **Florence Williams** awards were given to **Fred Foy, Abby Lewis and Sybil Trent**. They have attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. Other donations were given to the Veteran's Bedside Network, The Stephanie Joyce Kahn Foundation, The Broadcast Pioneers Library, WBAI, The Old-time Radio Digest on the Internet and Heller Memorial Foundation of AFTRA.

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.

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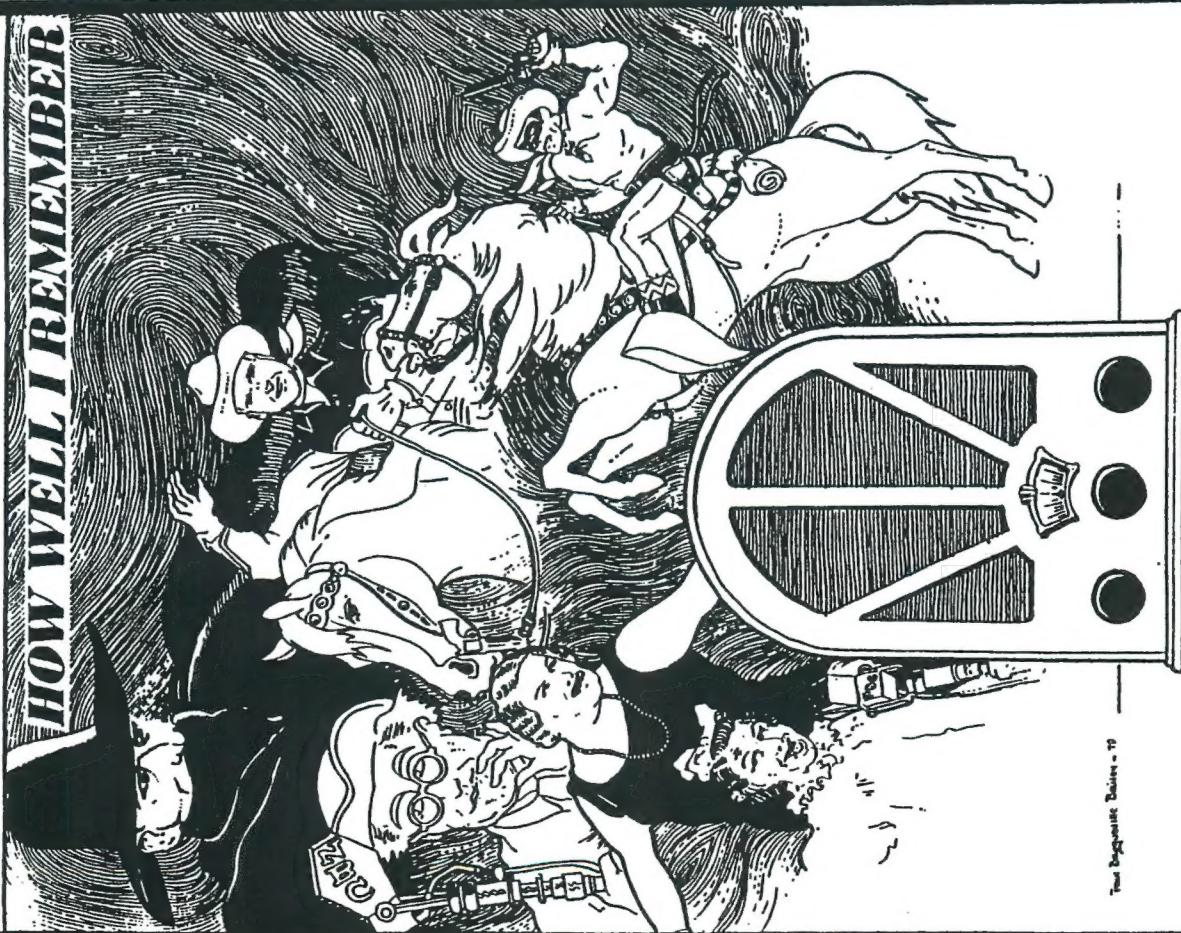
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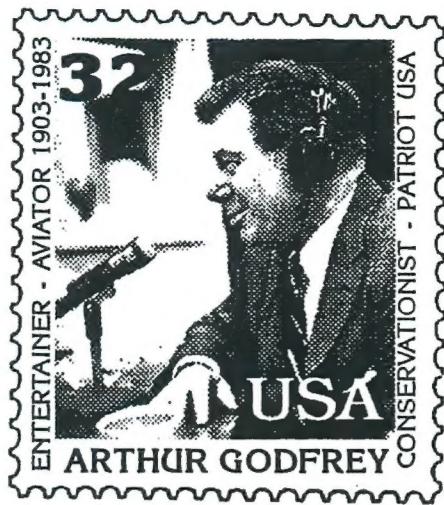
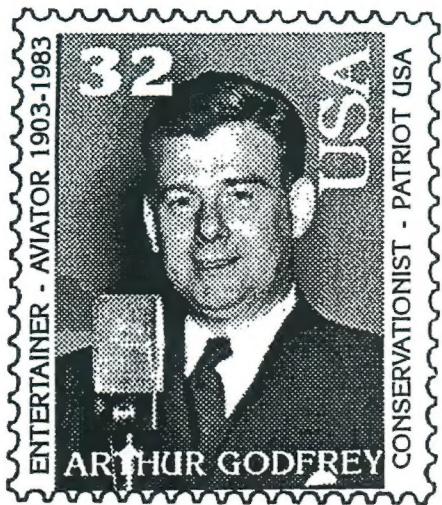
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